

Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

Project Name

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A. Background

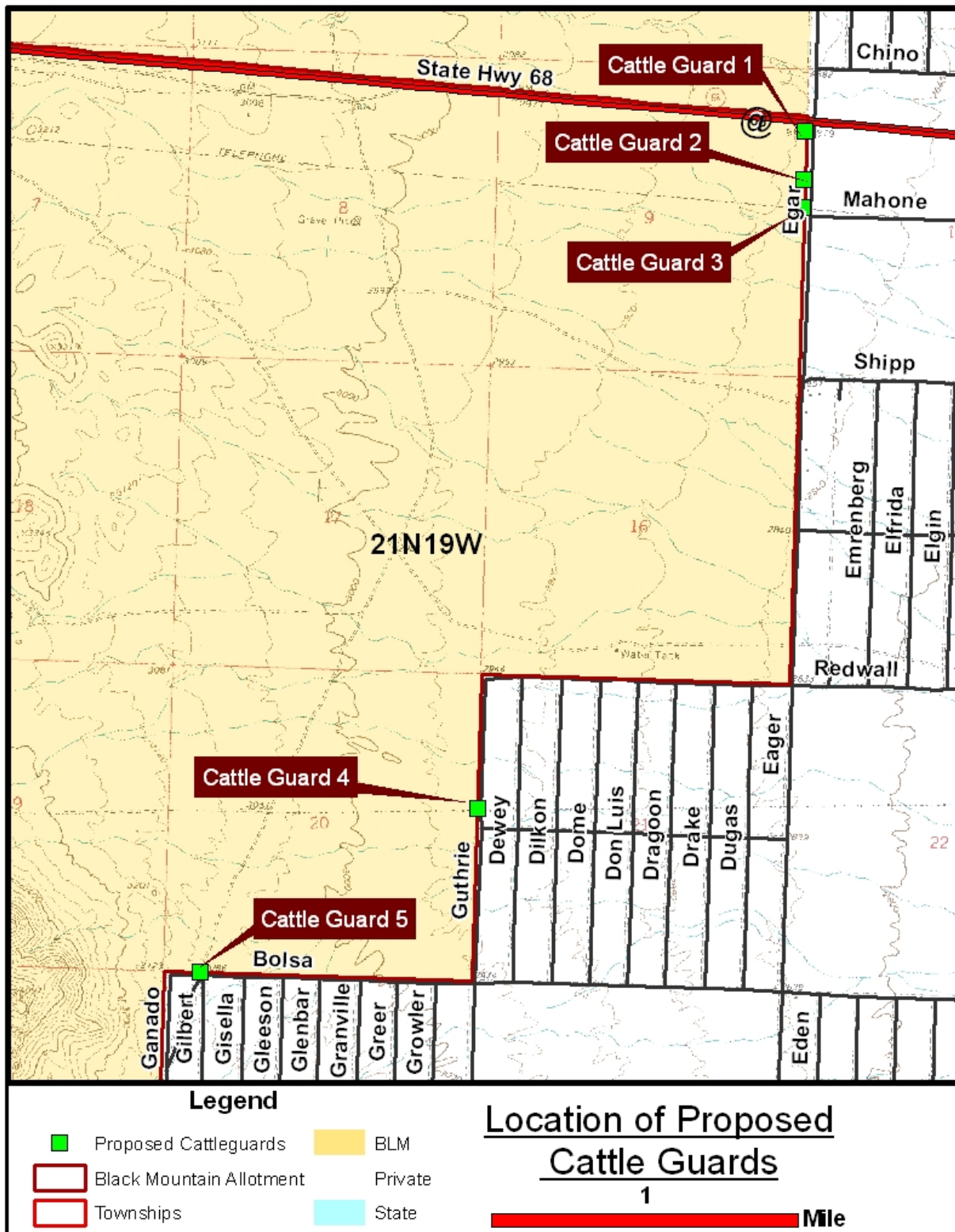
BLM Office: Kingman Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

Proposed Action Title/Type: Sacramento Valley Fence Cattle Guard Installation.

Location of Proposed Action: Township 21 North Range 19 West Sections 9 and 20.

Description of Proposed Action: BLM would install 5 cattle guards where existing roads cross the Sacramento Valley Fence which is the eastern boundary of the Black Mountain allotment. Individuals recreating on public land leave the gates open on a regular basis and allow livestock to escape the allotment boundary and get on to private land and onto main roads. This poses a safety concern to the public in this area. The proposed cattle guard locations would be Blue Staked prior to any ground disturbance to ensure that no underground pipes or wires are disturbed. The ROW holders would be notified as to where the cattle guards would be placed in relation to the utility lines above or below ground to ensure that they won't cause any problems. Cattle guards 1-4 would be 12ft wide or wider to accommodate traffic necessary for the maintenance of the utility rights of ways that occur along these roads. Cattle guard 5 would be 8ft wide or wider to accommodate ATVs and passenger vehicles. The majority of disturbance would occur in the existing road ways and minimal disturbance outside the road way would be necessary (i.e. some vegetation would be crushed by the tires of a backhoe). No impacts to threatened endangered species, migratory birds or cultural resources are anticipated as the majority of disturbance would be located within existing roads. The grazing permittee who has maintenance responsibility of the existing fence would also maintain and install the cattle guards. The proposed installation sites were surveyed for cultural resources on June 6, 2012 and it was determined that no cultural resources would be affected by the installation of the cattle guards.

Map 1. Location of Proposed Cattle Guards



B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions):

RR17/V Recreation sites, interpretive sites, trails and roads will be maintained and developed where needed to enhance recreation opportunities and allow public use (Page 26).

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, CX 11.5 G (2)

“Installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, waterbars, gates, or cattleguards on/or adjacent to existing roads”.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed (See Attachment 1), and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

I considered the proposed action and based on the design features, there would be no significant impacts to any resources in the area due to the proposed cattle guard installation. The project locations will be Blue Staked prior to any ground disturbances and Right of Way holders have been notified to ensure that an appropriately sized cattleguard for their needs is installed. BLM will coordinate with the Right of Way holders to ensure that the cattleguards do not affect their utility lines.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: / s / Ruben A. Sánchez Date: 8/10/2012
(Signature)

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Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX. See the attached decision.

Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting Rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No disturbance will occur in and adjacent to existing roads.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No. This is a routine action.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No. None were found during the surveys.
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No. No listed species occur within the area.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	No
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	No